

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Toshiya KOTANI et al. )  
Serial No.: Not yet assigned ) Group Art Unit: Not assigned  
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For: MASK PATTERN CORRECTION METHOD, MASK PATTERN CREATION  
SYSTEM USING THE CORRECTION METHOD, AND COMPUTER-READABLE  
RECORDING MEDIUM

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the  
Examiner's attention the documents listed on attached Form 1449. Copies of the  
listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner  
consider the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and indicate that they  
were considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-  
referenced application.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English  
language document:

1. Japanese Patent Application No. 11-102062 discloses a correction  
method which contains a method of edge extraction, and a method of  
determination of correction value.

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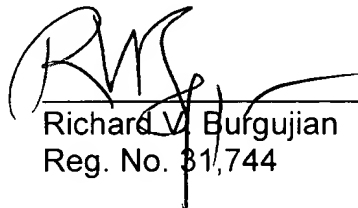
Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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